activities of the plants/units/mines. A multi disciplinary safety department exists in each of the plant including Bhilai Steel Plant. A number of steps have been taken by Bhilai Steel Plant and other Steel Plants to implement various recommendations of different committees, internal as well as external safety organisations. Safety measures adopted by Bhilai Steel Plant and other SAIL plants for gas pipe lines are:

(i) Thickness measurement of all pressure lines, bends, etc. are being measured and changed wherever required. Schedules have been made for inspections of the same through Task Force.

(ii) Procedure for emergency power situation has been revised especially for EMD and circulated to all Shops.

(iii) Training Programmes are arranged to deal with the incidents relating to gas pipe lines.

(iv) Stand by power supply has been provided to all control valves.

(v) Disaster Management has been reviewed and circulated and also mock drills are conducted.

Water supply to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

4980. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to initiate and complete a preliminary project on the river Godavari to pump water for supply to Visakhapatnam and to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant in particular;

(b) whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is not contemplating any project for pumping water from River Godavari to supply to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has assured supply of 73 MGD (MILLION GALLONS PER DAY) water to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant from Yeleru Reservoir through Yeleru Canal and to meet the water requirement of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, the State Government has earmarked 5 (five) TMC (THOUSAND MILLION CUBIC FEET) water in Yeleru Reservoir.

Accident in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

4981. DR. SANJAYA SINH:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of acnidents which took place at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the period from January, 1994, to 31st March, 1995 alongwith the details of persons injured/killed as a result thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry committee was set up to ascertain the causes of accidents and if so, the details of the report submitted by the Committee; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations?